

**Danville-Pittsylvania County Regional  
Local Human Rights Committee**

Thursday, June 21, 2012

Betty Whitehead Conference Room – Danville/Pittsylvania Community Services Board

*Note: These minutes are subject to approval by the LHRC at its next meeting. Should revisions be made, they will be included as an item in the minutes of that meeting.*

**LHRC Members in Attendance:** Kelly Matthews; Greg Casker; Jeanne White; Jeff Rodden; Esther Goins and Beverly Scruggs

**LHRC Members Not in Attendance:** Lesa Shelton

**Other Representatives in Attendance:** Kevin Paluszak, Regional VI Advocate and Beverly Garnes, Regional Advocate

**SVMHI Patient Advocate Senior:** Jennifer Kovack

**Affiliates Not In Attendance:** All Care Family Services; Children & Family Community Development; Crossroads Treatment Center; Diverse Family Services; Joshua House Family Services; Oasis Support Services; The Linke; Therapeutic Intervention Services and Virginia Health Partners

**Minutes Recorder:** Naomi Gibson, SVMHI

**Regional LHRC Minutes and Meeting Schedule:** The Regional Local Human Rights committee (LHRC) minutes and meeting schedule can be located on the Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute's Web Page @ [www.svmhi.dbhds.virginia.gov](http://www.svmhi.dbhds.virginia.gov) under the heading of Client Advocacy.

**Welcome/Call to Order:** Chairman Greg Casker called the Danville-Pittsylvania County Regional Local Human Rights Committee meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** April 19, 2012 minutes were approved.

**Affiliation Request:** No affiliation request.

**Advocate's Report:**

- Jennifer Kovack introduced Beverly Garnes, Regional Advocate; Ms. Garnes has taken the position of Kevin Paluszak who transferred to Northern Virginia.
- Ms. Kovack recommended that the meeting of The Danville-Pittsylvania County Regional LHRC be moved from bi-monthly to quarterly meetings.
  - A motion was made and all were in favor of moving the meetings from bi-monthly to quarterly.
  - Chairman Casker asked that the minutes reflect the change.
  - Affiliates are still required to continue sending their reports to the Ms. Kovack giving details of critical incidents and complaints.
  - Providers are asked to send their reports to Ms. Kovack 5 to 7 days prior to the meeting.
  - The August meeting will be moved to October. Ms. Kovack will send out an email regarding the changes.
- The cooperative agreement will be sent out to the affiliates.

**Affiliate Reports:**

- **A New Inspiration:**
  - No allegations.
  - Sherry Miles, Licensing Specialist recently did an audit of their program.
  - Mental Health Support services will be offered at the Martinsville and Danville locations.
- **Alliant Human Services:**
  - No complaints.
- **Danville Pittsylvania Community Services:**
  - **Mental Health and Crisis Stabilization:** 1 Complaint regarding a HIPPA violation against a staff member and action was taken.
  - **Intellectual Disability:** No allegations of abuse/neglect and no complaints reported.
- **DRMC :**
  - 1 Seclusion.
  - Ms. Althea Price is filling in as the Director of the Psych Unit until someone is hired.
- **Family Preservation Services:**
  - No allegations of abuse/neglect and no complaints reported.
- **Hughes Home for Exceptional Children:**
  - Census - April = 39 & May = 42
  - Peer-to-peer – April = 78 & May =83  
A reduction of peer-to-peer is a focus of Patient Safety Council effective May 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - Restraints (Physical Holds): April = 45 & May =38
  - Allegation of Abuse- April =1 – Unfounded internally and by CPS & May =0
  - Complaints: April = 2 & May = 0
  - No visits by licensing, etc.
- **Interventions of Virginia:**
  - A site inspection was done on July 25<sup>th</sup>, no findings.
- **Kingdom Dominion, LLC:**
  - 1 founded case of neglect.
- **Life Support Services:**
  - No incidents to report.
- **MT Sorrell Home:**
  - Several Peer to peer incidents were reported. None founded for neglect.
- **Negril, Inc.:**
  - 40 - Individuals were served during this quarter
  - 3 – Abuse Allegations – 1 pending & 2 closed
  - 3 – Complaint Cases –1 case pending & 2 cases closed (1 resulted in a violation)
- **New Hope Support Services:**
  - No allegations of abuse/neglect and no complaints reported.
- **Support Service of Virginia:**
  - 6 – Homes in operation and the 7<sup>th</sup> home is scheduled to open in the middle of July 2012.
  - No complaints.
- **SVMHI**

- Census: April = 73; May = 74 and June = 76
- Peer-to-Peer: April = 4; May = 2 and June = 2
- Restraints: April = 6; May = 6 and June = 6
- Allegations of Abuse/Neglect: April = 0; May = 0 and June = 1 (Unfounded)
- Complaints: April = 0; May = 2 (originated by consumers) and June = 6 (5 originated by consumers and 1 originated by staff)

**Other Business:** None

**Next Meeting: October 18, 2012**

**Adjournment Open Meeting:**

With no other business to discuss, a motion was made and passed that the LHRC adjourn the open meeting and go into closed session pursuant to Virginia Co§2.1-344 A (15) for the purpose of honoring confidentiality.

The open meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

The committee came out of closed session at 7:05 p.m. and the meeting was adjourned.